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SUBJECT: SWEDEN ANNOUNCES AMBASSADORIAL APPOINTMENTS FOR SAUDI ARABIA
AND CCD DELEGATION

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. KING-IN-COUNCIL APPROVED DECEMBER 21
NOMINATIONS OF BENGT ROSIO TO BE AMBASSADOR TO SAUDI ARABIA AND
INGA THORSSON TO HEAD SWEDISH DELEGATION TO DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE
(CCD) IN GENEVA, VICE ALVA MYRDAL, RETIRED.

2. ROSIO, CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO MFA, IS 46-YEAR-OLD CAREER DIPLOMAT
WITH EXPERIENCE IN PEKING, NEW DELHI, WASHINGTON, ALGIERS AND KHARTOU
M.
HIS IS A NEW SWEDISH DIPLOMATIC POST. HERETOFORE, AMBASSADOR IN
BEIRUT HAS BEEN ACCREDITED TO JIDDA.

3. THORSSON, 58 YEARS OLD, IS A VETERAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC POLITICIAN,
A MEMBER FROM STOCKHOLM IN FIVE RIKSDAGS, FREQUENTLY A MEMBER OF
SWEDISH UNGA DELEGATIONS, AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL 1964-66, A SPECIALIST
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IN PROGRESSIVE SOCIAL WELFARE LEGISLATION AND INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL

ISSUES, SUCH AS POPULATION CONTROL AND ENVIRONMENT. SHE WILL
ASSUME ALVA MYRDAL'S STATUS AS SPECIAL MINISTER FOR DISARMAMENT WITH
NO. 2 RANK IN MFA. END UNCLASSIFIED

4. COMMENT: ROSI, A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF LATE AMBASSADOR
NOEL, IS A HIGH QUALITY PROFESSIONAL AND GOOD FRIEND OF U.S. AND
THIS EMBASSY.

MRS. THORSSON IS AN AGGRESSIVE MEMBER OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S
LIBERAL WING WHO SOME MALE SOCDEM SATRAPS THINK WAS SENT BY GOD TO
AFFLICT THEM. AN ENERGETIC, HIGHLY INTELLIGENT CAREER WOMAN WITH
STRONG VIEWS, MRS. THORSSON MAY FROM TIME TO TIME EVOKE NOSTALGIA
IN CCD FOR MRS. MYRDAL. OLSEN

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